



FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Modification to FMCS Commercial Receivables Process

AGENCY: Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS).

ACTION: Notice of payment method for FMCS services and/or products.

SUMMARY: The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), is issuing this notice to inform the public that it is modifying its commercial receivables process to require payment through *Pay.gov*. This requirement will enable FMCS to reduce check processing costs to the agency.

DATES: This change to the payment process is effective [INSERT DATE OF THIS PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Will Shields, 202-606-3635, wshields@fmcs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FMCS is an independent federal agency tasked by Congress to provide mediation, conciliation, and voluntary arbitration services in the private and federal sectors. In service of its mission, non-federal sources reimburse FMCS for certain expenses including, but not limited to, processing FOIA requests under 29 CFR 1401; requests for arbitrator panels, under 29 CFR 1404; and labor relations training. Commercial receivables are typically paid in the form of physical checks sent to the agency and processed by Treasury's Administrative Resource Center (ARC), which charges FMCS a processing fee per transaction.

In 2023, FMCS expects to receive more than 6,000 commercial receivables. The costs associated with processing commercial receivables has necessitated FMCS to move to *Pay.gov*. If *Pay.gov* submission creates an undue hardship, payees may contact payments@fmcs.gov to explain the circumstances and receive assistance.

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